

House Resolution 1720

By: Representatives Mitchell of the 88th, Brooks of the 63rd, Hill of the 180th, Morgan of the 39th, and Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Tyler Perry for his amazing professional talent and his
2 incredible humanitarian efforts and inviting him to be recognized by the House of
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, born Emmitt Perry, Jr., on September 13, 1969, in New Orleans, Louisiana, Mr.
5 Tyler Perry has forged his own way in the entertainment industry, building an empire that
6 consists of successful films, plays, and a best-selling book; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Perry rose to overcome a childhood of physical abuse and poverty to
8 become one of the nation's most successful and creative African American writers and
9 directors of his time; and

10 WHEREAS, this talented writer, actor, producer, and director's career began in 1992 when
11 he debuted his first musical, *I know I've Been Changed*; and

12 WHEREAS, he created the famous Madea character, the gun-toting, sharp-tongued grandma,
13 in his 2000 play *I Can Do Bad All by Myself*, and she went on to appear in many other
14 successful plays and films; and

15 WHEREAS, throughout his impressive career, Mr. Perry has uplifted the lives of countless
16 Georgians through his inspirational plays, movies, and television shows; and

17 WHEREAS, in June of 2006 he bought the former Atlanta Stage Works warehouse to house
18 Tyler Perry Studios, the first independent movie studio of its size in Georgia, which he owns
19 outright and which has created thousands of jobs in Senate District 35; and

20 WHEREAS, a spiritual and generous soul, Mr. Perry is building a new mega church adjacent
21 to his studios in the Greenbriar area of Southwest Atlanta and has demonstrated a great

22 humanitarian spirit, helping in Haitian earthquake relief efforts and making generous
23 donations to the Atlanta Food Bank; and

24 WHEREAS, this talented actor, comedian, author, playwright, entrepreneur, and citizen of
25 Georgia deserves much praise and recognition for following his dreams and for all of his
26 many accomplishments.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize Mr. Tyler Perry for his outstanding talent and many
29 accomplishments, express their gratitude for his contributions to Atlanta and the State of
30 Georgia, and invite him to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time
31 to be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Tyler Perry.